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Galt Brings Experience To Residence Life

by Justin Godfrey

At the beginning of this semester, the Residence Life Department at Saint Leo College underwent a major personnel overhaul. Dave Seals was announced as the new Director of Residence Life and B. David Galt was named the new Assistant Director of Residence Life.

Armed with a long list of credentials and background experience, Galt comes to the job with the hope of "building a great sense of community in the residence halls".

He is also looking forward to continuing his position as advisor to the Residence Hall Association, and he hopes that the next academic year will see that organization grow on campus.

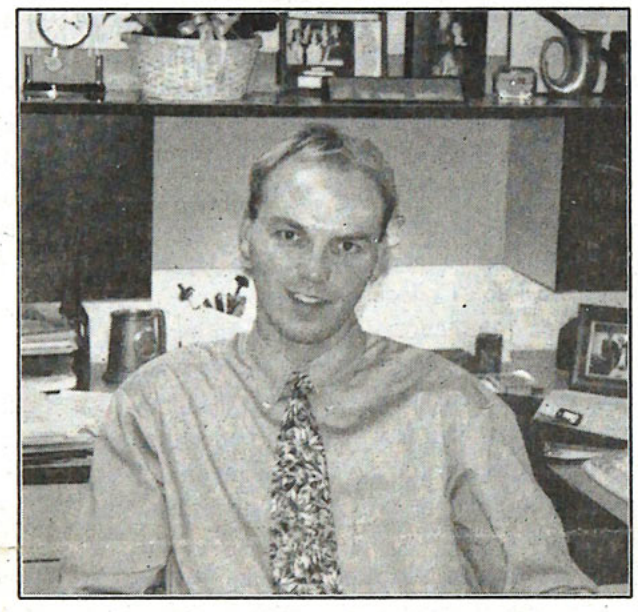
The 1997-98 school year will also see Galt take on the responsibility of Hall Director for Roderick and Alumni Halls. Drawing on his experience as Hall Director at the University of Toledo, he hopes that he will be able to "follow in the great steps of David Hall (the departing Hall Director for Roderick/Alumni)."

Galt received his Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education/ Social Studies from Bemidji University in Minnesota. Along the way he was actively involved serving as RHA president for two years and Student Government President in his senior year. He also found time to minor in Journalism, English, Sociology and Psychology.

Since graduate school at Bowling Green State in Ohio, where he received a degree in College Student Administration/ Higher Education, Galt has held various positions dealing with administration-student relations. He has served in both Student Activities and Residence Life departments at various colleges.

In the next year Galt wishes to see more student involvement in residence life, the establishment of hall governments in every hall, a stronger RHA and "more dynamic programming".

When asked about hall programming Galt responded that he would like to see residents have more input into the types of programs offered and more feedback from current programs.



B. David Galt is thrilled to be at Saint Leo.

Galt also believes that the fact that he resides on campus will be a benefit in the future. Although he will continue to live on campus next year, he will not be moving into the Roderick/ Alumni Hall Director room on the first floor of Alumni. He is content to remain where he is with his brand-new Jeep and his cardboard dog, D-3 (Galt doesn't want to violate any housing policy by having a real dog, so he decided a cardboard one would be the next best thing.)

B. David Galt came to Saint Leo with a strong vision and established credentials. Always looking toward building a strong sense of community he hopes that by next year there will be nothing but "peace and happiness everywhere".

Join The Team

by Kathleen McManus
Asistant Edidtor

By now everyone has seen the green buttons sporting the logo of TEAM Saint Leo. So what is it all about? In talking to Judith Rochelle, Director of Public Affairs, some answers were found.

" The attitude of our new president, Dr. Kirk, is one that stresses that students are the most important people here." said Ms. Rochelle. The new plan of teamwork presented a series of workshops that were held for faculty and staff. The first phase of workshops dealt with how to help students when they come into offices. The second dealt with stress management and reinforcing Benadictine values. By using these values of community, hospitality, stewardship and listening, TEAM St. Leo hopes that students' needs will be better served. an end of the year picnic is being planned for faculty and staff, anc next year students will be allowed to attend.

"In TEAM Saint Leo, no one is an individual. We are all part of the team." Ms. Rochelle pointed out that. In strengthening campu communication, the president hopes to raise the retention level of students. Retention is one of Saint Leo's major problems.

For next year, TEAM Saint Leo will start to include students. Activities and workshops will be planned for the student body.

Kathy Pless is showing her support for TEAM Saint Leo.

Remember To Recycle Your Monarch

Perspective

Students' Thoughts On The 1996-1997 Acedemic Year.

A Freshman Perspective

Reflecting back on my first year at St. Leo College...

The 1996-1997 year is coming to a close for Saint Leo College. For me, it is the end of my first two semesters, and it has gone by very quickly. In this short time I have been able to meet a lot of nice people, both students and faculty, and I was given the chance to undertake things from new and old interests that I enjoy.

The things that aided my decision to attend Saint Leo College, such as the placid campus, the small class settings, and the opportunities available collectively, made my first year a successful and enjoyable time. I am originally from Rhode Island where everything is fast-paced and hectic. I particularly enjoyed the fact that the long walk from Marmion/Snyder every day gave me time to calm down and get ready for class. For the most part, my classes were always very small. This was certainly a plus since I was able to focus and get help when I needed it from the professors. I felt like I was part of the group rather than just a number. I do not feel I could have done as well as I did, or learn as much as I did, at a larger institution. At Saint Leo, there are many opportunities available for the student body to partake in. I was able to hand in articles for the Monarch and also participate in the President's Freshman Leadership Seminars. Also, I took advantage of the trips that were offered through the Activities Department as well as participating in some intramural sports. However, the most important opportunity that was available was an early start into my major, Social Work. Although only a freshman, I was able to go out into the community to get involved and had many valuable experiences which will prepare me for the working world.

Although I, like many, had some difficulties getting certain things worked out within some department settings, my first year has been quite pleasant and beneficial toward my learning process. With all the new changes that are happening throughout campus next year is shaping up to be even better with even more opportunities to expand ones potential.

A Sophomore Perspective

My perspective as a student here at Saint Leo has changed since last year. First of all, things are a lot different living in Henderson Hall instead of Marmion Hall. Marmion/Snyder Hall can give you the feeling of living alone in the woods. (Have you noticed?) This school is isolated enough; to be isolated on the campus is very eerie.

First I'm going to express my views on things that can improve. I don't think I need to tell anyone about the rampant rumor mill here. They fly like Security Ed on his golf cart. Hell, there are probably rumors about Ed. No one escapes.

Cliques are also very common on this campus. This is my theory: we all know high school has cliques up the gazoo. Well, all the freshman are sent where? To their own little world of the Marmion/Snyder Zone. So they do just what they know how to do- form groups for security because they are not with the rest of the school. By the time they make it over to the other side, the groups are already established. Instead of being forced to the difference of college and older people, they live in their own little high school at Marmion/Snyder.

This probably lends to the immaturity here. Accepting people even if they are different is a big life lesson and a lot of students are not learning this at Saint Leo. College is supposed to be a more accepting environment where people lighten up a bit. Also to solve the excessive rumor problem students need to get off their kiesters and stop blabbing. However the problem is where to go once they get off their kiesters. As for the administration, I'd like to point out something to them. In my article on TEAM Saint Leo, the statement "no one is an individual, everyone is part of the team" was made. This is not true. Everyone *is* an individual so don't get so excited about the teamwork that you forget that fact.

Hey, this is a small community. Rumors and cliques will be present. However, surely it can be brought down to the amount found in the normal world.

Okay, now for the good stuff. Student Affairs has improved immensely this year. Bravo to them. Everything has gotten better, from the student employment system to Residence Life. DeChantal is much more spiffier.

Our new president hasn't been here long, and already changes are being made. That's really great, I think.

There's a pizza bar in the cafeteria. Computers are in the dorms as well as laundry rooms. Again, good for Residence Life. I believe Saint Leo College has the potential to become an awesome school. I know Dr. Kirk has beliefs in the arts, which is splendid because by having an arts program, all types of students will come here. I'd like to extend my sincere thank to the English department, they're just awesome. As an English major, I have learned a lot in the past two years.

On a final note, thank goodness the old music and theater building was torn down. That was one ugly building.

A Junior Perspective

My name is Corinne Cassiliano and I am in my junior year at Saint Leo College. I feel that Saint Leo has changed in many ways for the good and for the bad. Everything has a changing point at sometime- that's what life is all about, even at school. I just feel that some people on campus have no regard or respect for other people. I think this is really sad. To take life for granted is a bad thing, but when you start doing to people there is something very wrong.

There was a point in time during my Freshman-Sophomore year where students would hang outside on the weekends and weekdays for awhile. I know we have to be involved in our studies; of course we do. That is the reason we are at college; to get an education. It just seems that most people would rather be away from campus this year. I mean, I do see people hanging out outside once in awhile. I guess I just miss it because I enjoyed being with all for my friends in a social setting at school.

I give tours for the school sometimes to prospective students. When I give these tours, the main question people ask me is, "Corinne, where are all the students?" It never fails that this particular question is asked. When a prospective student picks this up, then you know it is noticeable.

Look, I'm glad I came to Saint Leo College. I have had many experiences both negative and positive. I feel that being here has made me fully grow up to be the adult I am today. I love that the classrooms are so small, because I can get help from a teacher if I need it.

But I will end on this note. I miss the friendliness that used to parade this campus.

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To the Left

WHAT DO YOU THINK

If I were going to live my life like a squash, I'd rather not live it. If I couldn't communicate, I'd rather die. If I knew all I had left was a couple of months filled with agony, I'd develop a taste for Drano. Life, in my opinion, is not worth living if its quality is far removed from what we are used to.

We've all heard about Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the so-called suicide doctor. Is What he's doing all that bad? Not in my opinion. Should he go to jail for giving his terminally ill and suffering patients another alternative to their nightmares? Nope. His patients, or anyone for that matter, should have the right to choose if they want to suffer, or if they want to die. I won't tell you what to do with your body. Please don't tell me what to do with mine.

Granted, there might be older people whose family wants them out of the way, but this be hard to do if the practice of doctor assisted suicide were performed in the open, with proper medical guidelines. This practice has a greater chance of happening when "doctors" have to travel under the cover of nightfall to the patient's house.

Euthanasia is another poignant example of our government sticking its nose far from where it belongs. "No sorry," says the government, "you do not have the right to end your own life". Even though our lives are the only things we have that genuinely belong to us."Not only can you not end your own life," continues the government, "you also may not dye your hair blue, get a tattoo, or wear corrective lenses."

If you want to die, die. If you want to live, live. The choice should be yours, and only yours. Don't let your church, a money grubbing relative, or a doctor make that choice for you. Most importantly, don't let the government decide this issue. I've learned in my nineteen years that if you give them enough rope, they'll hang you. No pun intended.

Mark Kane (I)

To the Right

ABOUT EUTHANASIA?

Euthanasia is one of the most controversial issues being discussed in this day and age. Not only is the topic very controversial but it is also an issue which brings out the faithlessness in weak people. This is another instance that calls for the easiest way out of a burdensome situation, and it should never be legal.

One of the strongest arguments for the issue of euthanasia is that a terminally ill person's life has no dignity or worth. In other words, this means that people who are sick and dying, through no fault of their own, should "honorably" end their life because they lack the ability to do the normal everyday things that healthy people accomplish. People who are for this action argue that a person's level of suffering determines that they are worthless and unproductive. Of course, I certainly think differently. I call it courage when someone fights through one of the hardest situations in life, and does not quit when times are rough. It is called faith, and society, for the most part, has lost touch with this virtue.

Another argument on the side of those in favor of euthanasia is that no one should have the right to tell a person how to live or when to end his life when he is ill. In our society, we do not accept suicide as a viable outlet to one's problems, but isn't euthanasia just that? A person who attempts or commits suicide is clearly not in the right state of mind. For some, times do get so unbearable that they see no hope or benefit for prolonging their suffering. This is also just the case for terminally ill people, and it demands the support of those around the ill person. These people, who are suffering great pain, are apparently not stable or clear-minded. Although I truly believe this is the case, I also maintain the belief that this in no way wipes out a person's dignity or gives a person the right to take his life before God, or anything else people believe in, decides their fate for him.

I sustain my life through faith. I believe no pain can control me so much that I will ever surrender to it. It is my deep emotion that if people started to feel this way about themselves then they would posess the courage to survive even the greatest trials that can be faced. Nothing is final in life based on a doctor's prediction or something else along those lines. Although most often they are accurate, death only should come when your time is up, not when you think it is time. This decision is out of each person's hands or otherwise it is a desperate act of suicide.

Larry M. Scott (R)

You Only Go This Way Once

Reality struck another crushing blow to my life this year. I am now aware that I am not the only one who is aging. My heros are aging, and some are dead or dying. I have also come to the conclusion that those around me might not be for that much longer.

This, and I steal this quote from Bad Religion singer/songwriter Greg Graffin, "potent dosage of reality" smacked me square in the face in the middle of last semester. I was channel surfing one evening (actually, it was early morning) and found that my hero, Kurt Vonnegut, was the guest on a talk show. This was the first time I ever heard and saw him speak other than his brief cameo in the movie "Back To School." Other than these examples, I had only seen pictures of him taken while he was in his late 50s or early 60s. Now, I was seeing the frail hero of mine in his mid 70s and the visible horrors of his aging couldn't be hidden by Kodak. To see him here, sitting at the table, shaking like a leaf, trying to conceal his emotions while talking about how he is all washed up, and not good enough for anybody anymore, made the old waterworks work overtime. He said that like all writers, his best work was completed by the time he was fifty. He saw no purpose in embarrassing himself anymore, adding that he is only writing his last book to fulfill contractual obligations. I wish I could just yell at him with all sincerity, "That's not true Kurt, your last book was one of your best! You're not dead yet!" Like I said, I wish I could say that. I can't convince him that something he knows in his heart is not true. I can't even convince myself that behind that tarnished physical exterior lies the mind that I so admire. If I met him on the street, I'd feel more awkward than elated. 'So it goes," that's all I could say. I can't read him anymore, it depresses me. I know he will be dead soon. When that happens, I will still have Malachi Constant, Kilgore Trout, Billy Pilgrim, Bokonon, Dwayne Hoover, etc, but I won't have Kurt. I sometimes wish, and this is a morbid wish, that he were dead before I started to read him. Maybe then I could still read him, because I didn't see him dying right in front of me.

Let's look at others in my life who I hold in high regard. Allen Ginsberg, Jerry Garcia, my grandfather, they're all dead. My yellow labs Chadwick and Spencer, Mother Theressa, and countless others, they're all like Kurt.

Kurt once said that death was like a light going out. It's not really death that I have a problem with. It's watching that light slowly burn out that makes me nauseous. I know why Mother Nature works in this way, though. If we all died while still in our prime, it would be all the more tragic. When we die after slowly going downhill, it's seen as a somber blessing. I'd prefer that we just disappear one night, that would be the way to go out. But that is everyone's personal opinion.

I think it's about time to get to my point, and a depressing point it is. We are coming to an age where people in our private lives are going to die much more frequently. Our heros, whether they be athletes, writers, or otherwise, will be either retiring or expiring. If everyone's departure is like Kurt's, I've got a rough life ahead of me.

This brings up a final point to ponder, "Is it better to have loved and lost or never have loved at all?" I don't know who originally said that, it's become Hallmark material. It is a question many people, especially our age, have wrestled with for some time now. After reading this, you should know what I choose, I choose the latter.

Mark Kane, Editor

Saint Leo College

Women's Tennis

by Sean Golden
Sprots Editor

The Lady Monarch Tennis team finished off the regular season with a win against Tampa and losses against Eckerd College (twice), Webber College, and Clayton State. In the Sunshine State Conference Tournament, the Monarchs finished in sixth place. Their first match was against Barry University. Barry swept them 9-0. In round two the Monarchs played the University of Tampa. Saint Leo won for the third straight time this season against them. Singles winners were Jill Dascoli, Mary Galambos, and Stephanie Lindsay. All three doubles teams were victorious. In the final round Saint Leo lost to Eckerd 8-1. Stephanie Lindsay was the only winner for the Monarchs.

1997 Saint Leo Women's Tennis Records

Player	Combined	Conference
Stephanie Harris	2-10	12-30
Jill Dascoli	2-09	11-29
Julie O'Brien	3-09	7-35
Mary Galambos	3-09	9-24
Karen Lehto	3-11	6-29
Stephanie Lindsay	3-08	13-28
Team	8-15	3-09

Softball

by Sean Golden
Sports Editor

Thus far in the softball season, the Monarchs are 13-26, 2-12. Kelly Bowe currently leads the Sunshine State Conference in both triples and stolen bases, 9 and 18 respectively. She is also eighth in hitting with a .368 average. Tracy Roy is fifth in the conference with 25 RBIs, doubles with 9, and is in the top twenty-five with a .320 average. Anne Freeburg, the lone pitcher, leads the conference with 39 complete games, 248.0 innings pitched in 39 appearances. She has a 4.04 ERA. Lisa Leon has seen every pitch this season from behind the plate. The junior transfer from Seminole Community College is hitting .296 and has scored 17 runs as the lead off hitter.

In their first double header against Barry, the Lady Monarchs lost both games. Lisa Leon, Marcia O'Gorman, and Julie Becker had the only hits for Saint Leo in game one. The final score was 8-0. In game two Jacquelyn Brown scored the lone run and went 2-for-3.

Saint Leo next faced the Tritons of Eckerd College. Marcia O'Gorman drove in the game winning run in the bottom of the seventh to give the Lady Monarchs a 4-3 game one victory. Saint Leo jumped out to a 2-0 lead to start off game two. That wasn't enough Eckerd fought back to win the game 4-2. Elizabeth Catrett was 2-for-3 with a run batted in, and Heather Martello added two hits.

The Lady Monarchs returned from the Rebel Spring Games in Ocoee, Florida with a win and a loss. Pitcher Anne Freeburg allowed just two hits; Lisa Leon and Kelly Bowe both had two hits as the Saint Leo softball team defeated Indiana University-Purdue University by a score of 8-3. The lone loss for the Lady Monarchs was against East Stroudsberg University. Kelly Bowe, Tracy Roy, and Julie Becker got the only hits in the game for the Monarchs..

Trailing 1-0 in the top of the seventh, Lisa Leon led off with a single. Then Kelly Bowe drove her in with a double to tie the game at one. That was not enough, and the Monarchs lost 2-1. In game two against the University of North Florida, Saint Leo was pounded 10-0.

The Lady Monarchs hit the road for seven games in Georgia. They won one of the seven games. Their lone win was against Georgia College. Heading into the top of the fifth inning, losing 1-0, the Lady Monarchs rallied for five runs to win the game 5-1. Anne Freeburg allowed just one run on seven hits. Tracy Roy led the way offensively getting two hits with a double and three RBIs. Saint Leo would go on to lose the next six games to Kennesaw State (No. 1 in the country), the Mississippi University for Women, Lander University, and Columbus State (No. 12 in the country). The Lady Monarchs came close to knocking off the number one team, Kennesaw State. Saint Leo put up a run in the fourth inning to take a 2-1 lead. Kennesaw came back to tie the game at two. Then Kennesaw scored another one in the seventh to escape with a 3-2 victory.

Saint Leo came close to defeating Barry University in SSC play. The Lady Monarchs took them into extra innings but fell 4-3. Anne Freeburg walked and scored off an error in the seventh inning. Lisa Leon and Tracy Roy both went 2-for-4. Saint Leo also lost game two by a score of 10-1. Julie Becker drove in Heather Biggs for the only Monarch run.

In the opening game against Eckerd, the Monarchs only managed four hits as they were shut out 4-0. Eckerd took advantage of the four Saint Leo errors, scoring three in the third and one in the fourth. In game two, the Lady Monarch rally came up short as they lost again to the Tritons 4-3.

Desi Corteau, a pitcher at Land O'Lakes High School, has signed an athletic scholarship to Saint Leo for next year. This year she has a record of 9-4 with a 1.27 ERA and 92 strikeouts in 88 innings. She is also batting .465. She will be joining Saint Leo next fall.

Finally, 'The Arm' gets a Rest

(reprinted from the St. Petersburg Times)

Finally. It took 40 games and a countles number of innings, but Saint Leo College softball pitcher Anne Freeburg finally got some relief.

Going into the doubleheader against Webber College on Tuesday, Freeburg had pitched every inning of every game.

But after a shaky start in which she gave up 10 runs on seven hits with five walks, first-year coach Kristi Wade felt the time had come to make a change.

Wade pulled Freeburg and replaced her with Elizabeth Catrette.

"I know Anne is tired and that it was difficult for her to pitch 40 straight games," Wade said, "but we had to go with what we had."

"It was a tough decision, but I think we need to try something different and see how the rest of the team reacted."

The Lady Monarchs luck would change little. Catrette gave up six runs on seven walks and three hits as the Monarchs fell 16-1 in a game shortened to four innings.

Wade opted to start Catrette for the second game. The decision did not reap immediate benefits. In the first inning, Catrette allowed four runs on two hits and three walks. Freeburg's rest was short lived as she was called back into action to start the second inning.

"That was simply a coaching decision," Wade said of starting Catrette and then going back to Freeburg. "We tried to change things up a bit and tried to get something going and it didn't work. So we went back to what we had throughout the season."

Freeburg then surrendered eight runs in five innings, gave up eight hits and walked three as the Monarchs lost 12-11. At the plate, senior Kelly Bowe was 4-for-5 with two RBI and Tracy Roy was 2-for-4 with a double and one RBI.

The losses dropped Saint Leo to 13-28

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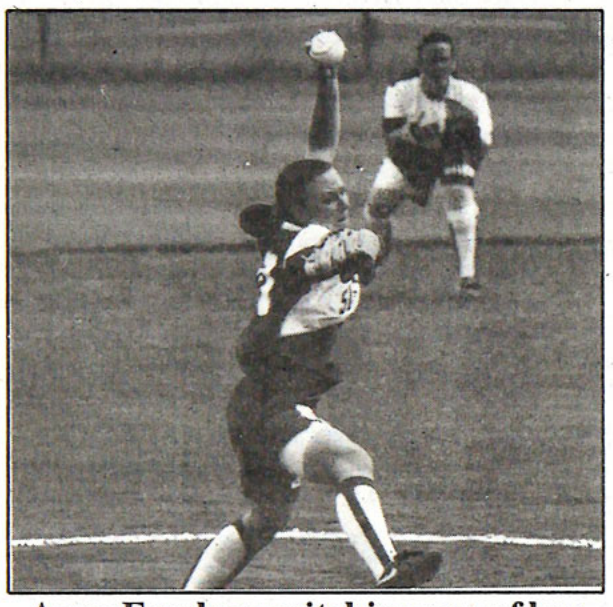
overall (2-12 in the Sunshine State Conference) and came on the heels of a heart-breaking 4-3 extra-inning loss to No. 7 Barry University on Sunday. In the second game, Barry exploded for eight runs in the second inning and rolled to a 10-1 victory.



Anne Freeburg pitching one of her many innings.

Men's Tennis

by Sean Golden
Sports Editor

The men's tennis team finished up the regular season with a win at Eckerd 5 to 4 and losses to Florida Tech, Embry-Riddle University, and Florida Southern College. In the opening round of the Sunshine State Conference Tournament, Saint Leo faced Rollins College. The lone winners on the team were Jason Barcomb and Tony Skidmore. In the loser's bracket, the Monarchs faced Eckerd. Saint Leo swept them in singles play, and the teams of Mark Falor/Josh Melton and Matt Stump/Shayne Horan won in their doubles match. After advancing to the next round of the loser's bracket, Saint Leo faced Florida Tech and won 7-2. Matt Stump, Mark Falor, Josh Melton, Tony Skidmore, and Jason Barcomb posted up singles victories. In doubles play, Mark Falor/Josh Melton and Jason Barcomb/Tony Skidmore won their matches. With the win the team finished fifth in the SSC.

1997 Saint Leo Men's Tennis Records

Player	Combined	Conference
Matt Stump	3-11	13-32
Mark Falor	5-06	22-16
Shayne Horan	3-10	16-30
Josh Melton	3-10	17-23
Jason Barcomb	5-09	26-20
Tony Skidmore	5-08	26-18
Tony Medero (alt.)	0-04	2-10
Team	13-11	6-08

Baseball

by Sean Golden
Sports Editor

The No. 10 ranked Saint Leo baseball team has an overall record of 30-11, 6-6. As a team, the Monarchs are hitting .346, which is second in the conference. Matt Gifford, named SSC Athlete-of-the-Week for the week ending April 6, is leading the conference in hitting with a .424 average. Luis Rivera (.375), Jason Branch (.368), Joel Rosa (.365), Don Whitehead are also among the top in batting average in the Sun Shine State Conference. The hitting has been great this year, but the fielding has been down. The Monarchs have made 96 errors this season and rank seventh in the conference with a .944 fielding average.

Saint Leo lost a conference series against the University of North Florida two games to one. In game one the Ospreys put a run across the plate in the eighth and added two more in the ninth to win the game 3-2. Pat Walls lasted eight innings to get a no decision. Matt Gifford and Tom Valdez each drove in a run. The Monarchs won game two 9-6. Matt Gifford went 2-for-4 with a run batted in, and Luis Rivera and Eddie Diaz each drove in two. Jason Middleton picked up his fifth win of the season, and Travis Janke picked up his third save. The Ospreys took game three 7-4. Saint Leo jumped out to a 2-0 lead, off a two run homer from Eddie Diaz in the second. Then North Florida right fielder, Jay Nunly hit a grand slam in the third. The Monarchs tied it up in the fourth, but the UNF offense was too much.

Next in Conference play, Saint Leo swept a series against Eckerd College. Pat Walls went eight strong innings while improving his record to 6-0, and Travis Janke picked up the save. Luis Rivera and Joel Rosa each hit a home run. Outfielder J.D. Will also hit in two runs. The final score was 9-6. In the second game, the Monarchs scored 18 runs on 19 hits to win by a score of 18-8. Matt Gifford went 2-for-3 with a double and a home run and two RBIs. Don Whitehead went 4-for-4 with 3 RBIs. Jason Middleton gave up two earned runs while picking up his sixth win of the season on the hill. Saint Leo had to complete the sweep in extra innings in game three. Eddie Diaz scored the winning run on an infield single hit by Luis Rivera in the tenth inning. Jason Stein picked up the win on the mound. Saint Leo finally traveled to rival University ofTampa for weekend series. Tampa took all three games. Game one was a pitchers' duel. Both pitchers, Mike Valdez (9-0) and Pat Walls (7-0), went the distance. Valdez came out victorious as the Spartans won 4-2. In game two, the Spartans scored five runs in the first three innings and a three more in the eighth to go on to victory once again. Game three was a slugfest. Saint Leo pounded out 21 hits and scored twelve runs, but still lost 20-12. The Monarch defense committed seven errors, allowing 11 unearned runs, and the offense stranded fourteen base runners. Matt Gifford was 4-for-6 with four runs batted in. Both R.J. Hendricks and Jason Linkes also went 4-for-6.

In non-conference play Saint Leo defeated Fitchberg College and the College of Staten Island. Freshman Scott Taylor pitched a complete game, picked up the win on the mound, and went 2-for-2 with two runs batted in against Fitchberg College. Brian Harrison also went 4-for-5 with a homer and 3 RBIs for the Monarchs. Against Staten Island Kevin Guthrie went 2-for-4 with an RBI. Scott Taylor also drove in two runs.

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News Around

Lunch Time

by Kathleen McManus
Assistant Editor

Dr. Kirk has implemented something called the Community Lunch Hour for next year. This would consist of a block of time where no classes would be scheduled so everyone can eat together and socialize.

" Most small schools have a time where everyone can get together." noted Dr. Kirk. "A good place where faculty, staff and students can gather would be the McDonald Center."

Dr. Kirk is hoping that this might stir up a little life in the daytime. He is not concerned about space. Everyone should fit, even if the west wing side needs to be opened.

Through this plan he needs to ignite more interesting events during the day. "Maybe Open-Mic nights of something like that." he said. "This is for social reasons."

Snyder On Sabbatical

by Dolorosa Kissaka

Dr. Maura Snyder's torch has been burning at Saint Leo College for a number of years. Although there is still plenty of fuel in it, she decided to take leave in order to refill it. While she is away, many will miss her day-to-day inspirational sharing around campus. But guess what happens when she returns. "Part of my sabbatical time," she said, "will be spent reading new textbooks and journals on composition. I want to study to find the best and most interesting ways to get students to learn to think better and to write better. Additionally, I want to read the most recent research on eighteenth century literature. So, I guess the main reason for my sabbatical is so that I can become a better teacher." Hold the torch high, Ms. Snyder, and come back soon. The freshmen won't go to class without you.

Love Warps The Mind A Little

by Mark Kane
Editor

Nationally recognized author John Dufresne paid a return visit to the Nightly Grind on April 11th to read excerpts from his next novel Love Warps the Mind a Little. Aside from his writing career, Mr. Dufresne also teaches in the graduate program at Florida International University.

The passages that he read that evening were funny, sad, tragic, and uplifting. It can be said, accurately enough, that this novel will cover a wide scope of emotions. His thick Boston accent and extremely macabre sense of humor were, in my humble opinion, the high points of the evening. From what I heard, it sounds like a very enjoyable read. I highly recommend it.

During the question and answer portion of his lecture, Mr. Dufresne told a story about how book jackets are designed. One night, according to Mr. Dufresne, his editor called him and asked him what writer he most resembled. Mr. Dufresne just made up an author, in this instance Faulkner. The back cover of his book made an analogy between him (Dufresne) and William Faulkner. He also, in this segment of his presentation, informed those present about the unscrupulous business practices present in the publishing industry.

Mr. Dufrense is in the process of turning his last book, Louisiana Power and Light, into a motion picture.

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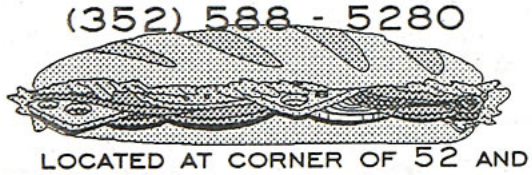
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Faculty Retirements

By: Dolorosa Kissaka

"Now that it is drawing to a close," Mr. Robert M. Rubin said, "the teaching portion of my life turned out to mean much more to me than I ever expected when I started. I hope and trust that the students who come to Saint Leo College after I've left, will be able to match the performance of those whom I knew. I regret that I won't have the chance to know them.

I enjoyed teaching from the start, but it took several years and several hundred students before I began to look at it as more than just a pleasant way to mark the years, till I was ready to buy a rocking chair and put my feet up for the rest of my life."

Dr. Marvin T. Travis came to Saint Leo College in 1982 following a 23 year career in the Air Force and the completion of his doctor's degree. He taught courses in Economics, Management, Finance, and Marketing for two years before becoming the Chairman and later Dean of the Business Administration Division.

Dr. Travis had three major goals when he became Dean of Business Administration. First, he wanted to bring high quality, well qualified faculty to Saint Leo and secure College help in assisting those without a terminal degree in completing that requirement. Secondly, he wanted to improve the curriculum of business administration, human resources management, and health care administration. Finally, he wanted to introduce programs that would assist students in securing challenging employment following graduation.

Dr. Travis considers the high quality of the faculty and staff which came to Saint Leo College as a result of his recruiting effort his major accomplishment during the fifteenth year he served the College. His philosophy has been to always look for people who had qualities and potential beyond what they thought they were capable of accomplishing themselves. He believes he leaves the College with great potential for the future under the new leadership. His main regret in leaving is that he will no longer have the close interaction with his many friends among the faculty, stuff, and student body.

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SLC Censured By The AAUP

by Mark Kane
Editor

I was flipping through some old issues of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, and came across the September 2nd issue of 1996. Inside, I found out something that I consider quite interesting. Saint Leo College has been censured by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The AAUP "censures institutions when it finds that they have violated its standards of academic freedom and tenure. The standards seek to protect the rights of faculty members to free speech without fear of penalty, and to due process in appointment, promotion, and tenure decisions. Censure was imposed on administrative officers at all institutions listed"(*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, page 112, September 2nd, 1996).

I found this little factoid interesting, I hope you do, too.

It's A Stepping Stone

by Dolorosa Kissaka

"I am a Psychology major." Leslee Peltier says to me as I meet her in de Chantal Hall. She is on her way to a Psychology Club meeting, but she decides to share a minute with me, to satisfy my curiosity about her school life at Saint Leo College.

"Coming all the way from the Caribbean Islands to Saint Leo," I feel homesick oftentimes. I, therefore, keep myself busy in different ways so as to remedy the situation." Seeing herself as a potential leader, she likes to have a sense of responsibility wherever she is. This being the case, she engages in various activities on campus in which she gains experiences, skills, ideas, and fulfillment. As a matter of fact, she is at the moment involved in more than four organizations around campus. In order to support herself financially, she works for the Student Affairs department. She also works for the Campus Ministry as a Student Chaplain. Also, this involvement gives her an opportunity to interact with a lot of people, most of whom are students. She is also active in two other activities; she is the treasurer for the Psychology club and an ambassador to the College. She says that getting to know others better is a great challenge as she finds herself with very limited time to herself. However, "students come first," she declares, as she goes on to say that all these involvements have helped her to budget and manage her time better. Moreover, she sees all these as stepping stones towards her potential leadership which requires a lot of skills and experience.

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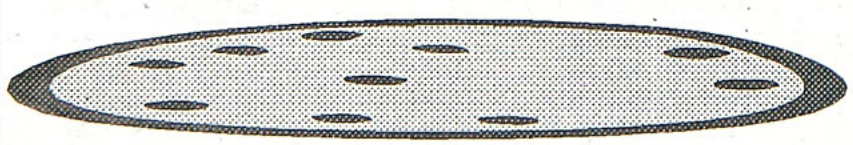

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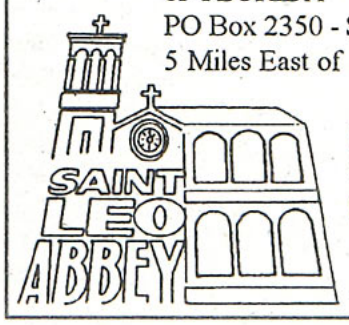

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